Heirloom Treasures

PEARLS & LACE

Different openwork patterns on the body and border of this elegant throw create a symphony of beautiful lacework. Pearls around the edges and flowers at the corners add a romantic touch.

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SKILL LEVEL

FINISHED SIZE

53 × 56 inches

MATERIALS

• Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein): 7 skeins #0334 buff 2 skeins #0316 soft white
• Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride medium (worsted) weight yarn (4 oz/190 yds/113g per skein): 1 skein #M69 old sage
• Sizes H/8/5mm and J/10/6mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
• Tapestry needle
• Sewing needle
• 6mm white pearls: 472
• Dark sewing thread
• Stitch markers

GAUGE

Size H hook: [Sk next 2 chs, V-st in next ch] 3 times = 4 inches; 4 rows = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row counts as double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 2, dc) as indicated in instructions.

Double V-stitch (double V-st): (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) as indicated in instructions.

Bead single crochet (bead sc): Insert hook as indicated in instructions, yo, pull through, slide bead up to hook, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

AFGHAN

Body

Row 1 (WS): With size J hook and buff, ch 124, change to size H hook, **V-st** (*see Special Stitches*) in 5th ch from hook (*first 4 chs count as first dc and first sk ch*), [sk next 2 chs, V-st in next ch] across to last 2 chs, sk next ch, dc in last ch, turn. (*40 V-sts, 2 dc*)

Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (*see Pattern Notes*), **double V-st** (*see Special Stitches*) in ch-2 sp of each V-st across, dc in last st, turn. (*40 double V-sts*)

Row 3: Ch 3, V-st in ch-2 sp of each double V-st across, dc in last st, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, double V-st in ch-2 sp of each V-st across, dc in last st, turn. (*40 double V-sts*)

Rows 5–74: [Rep rows 3 and 4 alternately] 35 times.

Row 75: Rep row 3. **Do not fasten off**.

Edging

Rnd 1 (RS): Now working in rnds, ch 1, 3 sc in first dc, sc in each dc and 2 sc in each ch-2 sp across to last dc, 3 sc in last dc, working across next side in ends of rows, dc in end of row 75, [2 dc in end of next row, dc in end of next row] across, working across next side in starting ch on opposite side of row 1 and in sps formed by sk chs, 3 sc in first ch, [work 2 sc in each ch-2 sp, sc in ch at base of each V-st] across to last ch, 3 sc in last lp, working across next side in ends of rows, dc in end of row 1, [2 dc in end of next row, dc in end of next row] across to beg sc, **join** (*see Pattern Notes*) in beg sc. Fasten off. (*702 sc*)

Note: *Cut approximately 10-inch length of sewing thread, tie 1 end onto new skein of buff; thread other end into sewing needle to thread pearls onto yarn. Thread pearls onto yarn.*

Rnd 2: With WS facing and size H hook, join buff in any sc, ch 1, **bead sc** (*see Special Stitches*) in same sc, [ch 5, sk next 2 sc, bead sc in next sc] around, join in beg bead sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, [sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5] around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 4: Bead sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, [bead sc in next sc, ch 5] around, join in beg bead sc.

Rnd 5: Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, [sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5] around, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Flower

Make 8.

With size J hook and soft white and leaving a 10-inch end, ch 5, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 5] 34 times, join in beg sc. Leaving a 10-inch end, fasten off.

Assembly

With tapestry needle, weave first 10-inch end in ring and pull tight to close bottom of Flower. Leave end for attaching to Afghan. Weave rem end in top of ring and pull tight to close Flower. Secure end.

Leaf

Make 16.

With size J hook and old sage, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each of next 2 chs, dc in next ch, 7 dc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, dc in next ch, hdc in each of next 2 chs, sc in last ch, join in beg sc. Leaving 10-inch end, fasten off.

Finishing

Sew 2 Leaves to back of each Flower.

Sew 2 Flowers to each corner of Afghan. **C!** ■